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to be prepared for separation. I know there are several husbands and wives who do not mind separation and they prefer separation in service to being together in domestic life."

Sub-Inspectors belonging to Washerman and Barber communities.

* 170 *Q.*—SRI M. ETHIRAJULU : Will the Hon. the Chief Minister be pleased to state—

(*a*) the numuber of Sub-Inspectors belonging to Washerman and Barber communities appointed in the Police department since 1947; and

(*b*) how many of them were promoted as Circle Inspectors or otherwise?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM (on behalf of the Hon. the Chief Minister) :—" (*a*) One (belonging to the Barber community).

" (*b*) Nil."

SRI M. ETHIRAJULU :—" அரசாங்க உத்தியோக விஷயங்களில், மிகவும் பிற்பட்ட வகுப்பினரான சலவைத் தொழிலாளர், ஷவரத் தொழிலாளர், மீன் பிடிப்பவர் இவர்கள் குறைந்த எண்ணிக்கை உடையவர்கள்தான் சர்க்கார் உத்தியோகத்திலிருக்கிறார்கள் என்பது சர்க்காருக்குத் தெரியும் ஆகவே, இப்பேர்பட்ட இனத்தவர்களுக்கு தகுதியும் திறமையும் தேர்ச்சியும் இருக்கும் பட்சத்தில், உயர்ந்தபதவிகளுக்குத் தனிச்சலுகைகாட்ட அரசாங்கம் முன் வருமா ?"

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" So far as direct recruitment is concerned, backward communities as such have this facility. A certain percentage of seats is reserved. If it is a question of promotion, that is governed only by merits. Government cannot undertake to look into every sub-community in the category of backward community, nor can they undertake to see the representation of particular communities and sub-communities in the matter of promotion to services."

SRI K. BHASHYAM :—" Has this been for their good or for their harm?"

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" It is for the communities concerned to decide whether it is for their good or for their harm."

SRI A. SUBRAMANYAM :—" இவர்கள் மிகவும் பிற்பட்ட இனத்தவராகயிருப்பதால், இவர்களை ' ஷெட்யூல்டு வகுப்பினர் ' ஜாப்தாவில் சேர்க்க முடியுமா ?"

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" Sir, the Fishermen community has been representing that it must be treated on a par with the Scheduled Castes. That perhaps deserves some consideration. But I do not know whether objection

would be raised from other quarters to this proposal as I could see that with reference to certain questions that were put in the other House.''

Nature of treatment in the hospital attached to the College of Indigenous Medicine.

* 171 *Q.*—Sri A. GAJAPATHY NAYAGAR : Will the Hon.
3 10 p.m. the Minister for Health be pleased to state—

(*a*) the diseases (acute and chronic) that are treated in the hospital attached to the College of Indigenous Medicine;

(*b*) whether it is a fact that the patients admitted in the hospital are mostly old people, if so, what their complaints are;

(*c*) whether any cases are sent from this hospital to the General Hospital; if so, how and why;

(*d*) what are the qualifications of the physicians in this hospital; and

(*e*) the systems of medicine according to which treatment is given in this hospital?

The Hon. Sri A. B. SHETTY :—'' (*a*) All kinds of diseases are treated in the hospital attached to the College of Indigenous Medicine.

'' (*b*) No, Sir.

'' (*c*) No, Sir.

'' (*d*) The Chief Physicians in the hospital possess the qualification of 'High proficiency in Indigenous Medicine' (H.P.I.M.) and the other Physicians possess G.C.I.M. or L.I.M. qualification.

'' (*e*) Treatment is given in Ayurveda, Siddha and Unani systems of medicine. Cases of midwifery, maternity and surgery are admitted and treated in the Modern Medicine wards.''

Sri A. GAJAPATHY NAYAGAR :—'' Are the Government aware of the fact that very many cases treated in the hospital attached to the College of Indigenous Medicine have been sent to the General Hospital for treatment? ''

The Hon. Sri A. B. SHETTY :—'' They have not been sent by the Hospital Physician. Some of the patients have probably gone there. I am not aware of it.''

Sri MOHAMED RAZA KHAN :—'' May I know whether any research work is done in Ayurveda, Unani and Siddha in that hospital.''

The Hon. Sri A. B. SHETTY :—'' Some kind of research is being done but we are not satisfied with it.''